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Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.



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Editorial

The Spectre of Tobacco

WHEN IN 1906 the infant Church of God raised its voice against the use of tobacco, it did so with little precedent or support. Its voice was too isolated to be heard beyond its own environs and too insignificant to be heeded beyond its own numbers. For many years our stand against its use was regarded as a fanaticism or a holiness quirk. Many persons who first heard our objections were shocked because they were accustomed to cigarette-littered vestibules in their churches and to yellow-toothed and smoked-breathed pastors.

The years have vindicated our objections. Now they are amplified from many a pulpit and council room, many a medical clinic and even our legislative halls. The objections are rising from both Christian and secular sources now that tobacco has been demonstrated to be a strong contributing factor to lung cancer and heart disease. Even the ultra-liberal *Christian Century* recently spoke out against its use.

All this is with very good reason, for science has now demonstrated that tobacco is a killer. Its continued use is a slow form of suicide. The Associated Press recently reported that researchers estimate that cigarette smoking shortens life seven to eight years.

Heavy cigarette smoking speeds death seven to eight years before your time, a cancer researcher estimated today.

Dr. Daniel Horn made this "rough guess" on the basis of statistics from a massive human study just concluded by the American Cancer Society.

The study declared: regular cigarette-smokers die from lung cancer 10 times more frequently than nonsmokers.

Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, who directed the study with Dr. Horn, declared he believes the study and other evidence "proves smoking is the cause of lung cancer, but not the only way you can get it."

Smokers run a 70 per cent greater risk of fatal coronary heart disease than nonsmokers, the study finds. Coronaries are the nation's leading killer.

"Evidence is strong that coronary disease is highly related to smoking," but just how or why is not yet known, Dr. Hammond commented.

Smoking seems definitely to cut the life span. The more cigarettes smoked, the earlier death came to smokers compared with nonsmokers studied.

Quitting cigarettes reduces this risk.

It has been demonstrated that about twenty poisons are present in cigarettes, ranging from deadly gases to narcotic drugs. It is little wonder that Dr. A. C. Clinton, of the San Francisco school system has said:

Half the truth has never been told. Cigarette smoking blunts the whole moral nature. It has an appalling effect upon the physical system as well. It first stimulates and then stupefies the nerves. It gives boys enlargement of the heart, and it sends them to the insane asylum. I have seen bright boys turned into dunces, and straightforward, honest boys made into cowards by cigarette smoking.

The tobacco manufacturers are frantic in their efforts to offset this growing sentiment against their product, so they are having extensive pseudomedical tests made. We can expect that their announcements will give the weed a clean bill of health. We can only trust that the public will not be too easily deceived by this. I like the suggestion of one of our congressmen who wants a measure passed requiring cigarette manufacturers to print on their packages a clear warning that cigarettes contain poison and that continued use of their product may result in heart disease, lung cancer or death.

Recently a tobacco man hooted at the dangers that have recently been pointed out by medical reports and declared that if the American public believed them there would be mass abandonment of smoking. There is such a thing, however, as addiction to tobacco—"nicoto-mania" I call it for want of a better word. Besides this there are social pressures and other influences that enslave the user. Dr. Ozora S. Davis, of the University of Chicago once said:

The power of the cigarette habit is greater than we would be inclined to think. Boys in school who are in the clutch of it become its slaves. They are incapable of remaining long without the stimulant of another cigarette. Their whole physical and moral condition is involved. This is the universal testimony of teachers. Boys think that they can smoke a little now and then when they please, and that they can stop when they are ready to do so. They do not know that the very continuing of the use of cigarettes involves their wills so seriously that when they want to stop they cannot. This can be proved from every school in the country.

The redeemed child of God looks with thankful interest at this situation in which the public is being repeatedly warned

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THE BLESSED HOPE

By Luther L. Turner

Detroit, Michigan

PART II

Sermon preached at the World Pentecostal Fellowship, Toronto, Canada.

FOURTH, IT WILL take the saints to heaven. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3).

Think upon all the cities of earth. Behold their beauties, listen to their orchestras and choirs, think upon their architectural wonders, admire their sculptural statuary, lift amazed eyes to their art galleries, worship in their churches, smell the fragrance of their flower gardens, walk amid their incandescent illuminations, gaze upon their star-strewn heavens, feel the throbbing life of them all. But not one of them has foundations that will last. Not one of them has walls of jasper, gates of pearl, and streets of gold. Not one of them has sunless days and moonless nights. Not one of them has tearless eyes and acheless hearts. Not one of them is without sickness and hospitals. Not one of them is graveless and tombless.

Fifth, it will take us out of the tribulation. Luke 21:36 says, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass."

Everyone wants to know how it will take place! First of all, His coming will be SPECTACULAR. The Son of God shall come personally. Luke said, "This SAME Jesus. . . shall so come." This same devil-defying, wine-making, nature-controlling Jesus; this same disease-healing, sin-forgiving, miracle-working Jesus; this same life-giving, water-walking, sun-outshining

Jesus; this same storm-stopping, hell-robbing, death-conquering, heaven-ascending Jesus will come! Paul said, "The Lord HIMSELF shall descend." Jesus promised, "I will come again."

He shall descend! He shall come as He left. The two men told the Galileans, "Shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go." Luke 24:51 says, "He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." Acts 1:9 says, "He was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."

Clouds have significance in the Bible. It was a cloud in which the glory of the Lord appeared to Israel in the wilderness. It was a cloud in which the Lord descended to give the Law to Moses the second time. It was a cloud in which God appeared upon the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant in the Holy of Holies. It was a cloud that received Jesus up into heaven the first time. It will be from a cloud that Jesus will receive His Church during the rapture.

He shall come, as Paul recorded it in his letter to the Thessalonians, "For the Lord Himself shall. . . descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God." The Scriptures do not explain the relationship of the shout of the Lord, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God, though some have seen in these three items three stages in the Lord's return—the shout being related to the resurrection of the dead, the voice of the archangel being connected with the translation of the living saints, and the trump of God considered as the signal for assembling both resurrected and translated saints in the air.

He shall raise the dead. "We which are alive and remain. . . shall not prevent them which are asleep" (1 Thessalonians 4:15). Verse 16 says, "The dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Corinthians 15:54 says, "Death is swallowed up in victory." The silent cities of the dead shall become beehives and nerve centers of activity.

He shall change the living. 1 Corinthians 15:51 says, "We shall all be changed." 1 Thessalonians 4:17 says, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them." The Holy Ghost is the pilot light of our souls. When the trumpet sounds, that spark of divinity will consume our humanity and we'll rise with immortality to meet the Lord in the air.

He shall meet us in the air. 1 Thessalonians 4:17 says, "Caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." What a spectacular sight! The Son

of God standing in mid-air, receiving the redeemed Church from a cloud, while the choirs of heaven shout welcome, and God the Father waits to receive us!

Christ's coming will be sudden. America's most popular mode of public transportation is the elevator. Some 17 billion passengers travel more than 241 million miles in elevators each year. In a split second God's rapture clouds will elevate literal millions higher than the highest man-made elevators. Paul speaks of the rapture taking place "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." "Quick as a wink" has been measured and found to be 11/100 of a second. The "twinkling of an eye" has finally been measured and found to be 7/100 of a second.

Second, His coming will be **SELECTIVE**. It will be marked by the taking of some and the leaving of others. This will be true of both the living and the dead. Not even all those who say, "Lord, Lord," shall enter. Those who go will be: believers (Hebrews 11:6), those who are converted and have become as little children (Matthew 18:3), those who are born again (John 3:3-5), those in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:14, 16), the blessed and holy (Revelation 20:6), those on fire (Revelation 3:15, 16), those worthy (Luke 21:34-36), those whose righteousness exceeds that of scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 5:20), those following peace with all men and holiness (Hebrews 12:14), those without spot or wrinkle. . . without blemish (Ephesians 5:27); those who purify themselves, even as He is pure (1 John 3:3), those doing the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21), those doing good (John 5:29), those looking for Him (Hebrews 9:28).

Third, His coming will be **STARTLING**. Several years ago Orson Welles dramatized H. G. Wells' fantasy, "The War of the Worlds." Even though it was just a radio play, many listeners believed an interplanetary war had started with the Martians invading our earth. The "New York Times" stated: "The broadcast disrupted religious services, created traffic jams, clogged communication systems. Telephone lines were tied up with terror-stricken people asking how they could flee the city and protect their children. Scores of persons in New Jersey left their homes and stood fearfully in the street, looking with apprehension toward the sky. In Indianapolis, a woman ran into a church screaming: 'New York is destroyed; it's the end of the world. You might as well go home to die. I just heard on the radio.' Services were dismissed immediately." In Hamilton, Ohio, the mayor's wife ran into the Church of God in her pajamas and ran screaming to the altar during the middle of the service.

But let us imagine that we are in an airplane overlooking a big city the morning after the rapture! As day begins to dawn, the city sleeps on, not knowing that during the night tens of thousands of human beings belonging to Christ have been translated to heaven. Mornings breaks and many begin to stir about. A man rushes out into the street with a perplexed look, then another and another, until on every street there are excited groups of men and women and young people. They hasten from house to house. Husbands are looking for wives, wives are looking for Christian husbands, worldly young people are looking for faith-

ful mothers, and parents are looking for little children. A milk truck stands in the middle of the street; the driver is gone. A streetcar blocks Main Street and angry drivers of cars stalled behind it complain that there must have been a strike. A churchman comes down the middle of the street waving an open Bible in his hand. His face is as white as a sheet. The truth has dawned upon him. The rapture has taken place and he has been left behind. His wife and babies are gone. Telecasters and radio news commentators excitedly tell the people to stand by and wait for the latest developments. There are few homes without vacant chairs. Very few touch their morning meals. Business is at a standstill. Churches are thrown open and sobbing people crowd into them. **JESUS HAS COME!**

When General Douglas MacArthur, at the command of the president, left his beleaguered garrison on the rock fortress of Corregidor in the Philippines in 1942, he gave them this word, "I shall return."

Jesus has said, "I will come again." Discouraged preacher, stop your grumbling. Take up your Bible again and cry to the world, "**HE IS SOON COMING.**" Weary teacher, stop feeling sorry for yourself. Smile as you face that class Sunday. "**HE IS SOON COMING.**" Grieving loved one, stop your crying. You will soon see that dear one again. "**HE IS COMING SOON.**" Tired old person, stop living in the past. That bent back will straighten, those faded eyes will brighten, those feeble, tottery steps will become steady and sure. "**HE IS COMING SOON.**" Suffering sick person, stop your complaining. Your sickness will soon be over. "**HE IS COMING SOON.**"

Say, it seems that I can hear the choir of heaven getting ready to shout, "Welcome." It seems that I can smell the aroma from the bakeries of heaven as they prepare for the marriage supper. It seems that I can see the Father standing on the balcony of heaven getting ready to say, "Son, they have preached enough, they have prayed enough, they have sung enough, they have suffered enough; go back down to the earth and get those who are washed in the blood and ready!" Hallelujah!

Sister Kinsley, our African missionary, was eaten up by an internal cancer when she died a few years ago. She had held four or five revivals for my father and I knew her well. She had always said, "When I start to die, I want Susi, the little black boy who waited on me in Africa, to open the gate of heaven and let me in." She was in a hospital room in Canton, Ohio, when she died. The nurse felt her pulse and said, "She is gone." Her pastor leaned over and said to her husband, "Brother Kinsley, don't let her die without a testimony." Her husband went over to her and whispered into the ear of that lifeless form, "Florence. . . Florence. . . Florence. . ." All at once her eyes flickered; she raised up on her right elbow and looked heavenward. She did not see her husband; she did not see her pastor; she did not see the nurse. But through feeble lips she said this, "Susi, open the gates. I am home; thank God, I am home."

Labor a little longer, weary pilgrim, **HE IS COMING SOON!** Then we will all be at home!

LEISURE

Divine Illumination



"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY
FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY
PATH"
—PSA 119:105

By Mauldin Ray

Lubbock, Texas

WHAT IS LEISURE? "Well, it's something that the other person has which I don't seem to possess." That is the answer many could give. Yet, if we make only a casual observation, we will see that each of us has several hours each week at our disposal. Nothing is more vital to a Christian than to learn to use his leisure time wisely.

Grandmother used to say, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." Leisure, improperly used, is idleness which never produces anything constructive. There is no time for Christians to be idle; no time to look mournfully into the past. The present must be wisely invested. If we invest our spare time well, the dividends will be great both for us and our fellow man.

Leisure has its place in life. There is a rhythmic law underlying all existence, an ebb and flow. In that ebb and flow, work and leisure both have a place. As with the soil, so it is with the body, mind, and soul. Frequently the crops must be changed if the soil is to produce its best.

One difference between work and leisure is that work must be done whether you like it or not; whereas, in the other, one may express a preference. So one does then what he likes to do. However, the admonition of Augustine may be fittingly observed in this regard: "Do what you like best, but learn to like the best things." So the wise use of leisure, at its best, is an educational process.

One's leisure activity should be healthy. A few people rush and tear about on holidays, so that when they return to their jobs they are worse rather than better off for the change. Vigorous activity should be punctuated with periods of quiet. Then one can turn his thoughts inward to correct the compass of his life and take a different bearing if necessary.

One's spiritual life should be considered as well as the recreation of the body. Many say the reason they do not go to church on Sunday is that that day is the only one for their recreational activity during the week. With a few, this might be true; with others, it is an excuse. With the increase of leisure for all of us, we will have more time to engage in those things we wish to do. However, as that happens, we should not celebrate the acquisitions through a greater neglect of spiritual matters. The soul, like the flowering plant in your window box, needs nourishment and care; so don't forget Him who created you, for He surely is able to give spiritual nourishment when needed.

Mother Nature is not partial in her gifts to us; equally she gives each of us twenty-four hours a day. We may not have the full say as to how we spend most of that time, but a portion of it is given to be used in the way we choose. Let's choose that way wisely.

How to Receive the Holy Ghost

By Ruby Wright Hurst

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THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST is promised to every believer in Christ; but before seeking after this experience, one should know how to go about it.

Although there is a possibility of questioning doubt on the part of many, the following remarks are based upon Scripture as well as upon observation and experience in dealing with those seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

I. Eligibility

First, one is not eligible to become a candidate for the baptism of the Holy Ghost until after he is certain, beyond all doubt, that he is a Christian. The Holy Ghost is for believers, those who have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and whose sins have been forgiven. So all Christians should seek this wonderful experience because it is promised to them in God's Word. John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." Verse 17 states, "Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive . . ." This means He is not to be received by the world, the unsaved or the unbeliever.

II. A Bible Doctrine

Accept the fact that the Holy Ghost baptism is taught in the Bible, and is promised to all believers, one of whom are you; then, purpose in your heart that you will seek Him and receive Him in His fullness. Your purpose and determination in seeking Him will be a great step toward your victory.

III. A Pure Heart

The Scriptures teach us that the Holy Ghost must have a clean temple or house in which to dwell.

1 Corinthians 6:19 says, ". . . Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you . . ." The pure heart is one which has no known sin which is unconfessed to God and one which has no will which is contrary to God's will. Your consecration must be made as God reveals His will to you. You cannot measure your own dedication to God by that of another person; but each person must dedicate himself according to God's way of dealing with him.

IV. The Seeking Experience

The Bible teaches us that the disciples of Christ were instructed to tarry in Jerusalem until they should be endued with power. This power is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In order to better explain the actual seeking or tarrying experience, it is important to list a number of specific points:

1. Humility

Humble yourself before God; that is, begin your seeking with a humble heart. Seek diligently and worship God. Real soul worship is the lifting up of the heart in deep adoration and praise to God. Let the sincere desire of the soul be lifted heavenward to God.

2. Praise

Praise God in your own way. The expression or word of praise which best expresses that which you feel in your heart is your manner of worship. For some it would be one word, such as "glory"; for another, it might be "hallelujah"; for still someone else, it might be "thank you, Jesus." According to the Scriptures, the important thing is that you give worship and praise unto God.

3. Physical Exertion

Do not feel that you must go into a great deal of physical exertion. Many times a seeker becomes so taken up with striving physically within himself that he fails to recognize the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

4. Recognizing God's Power

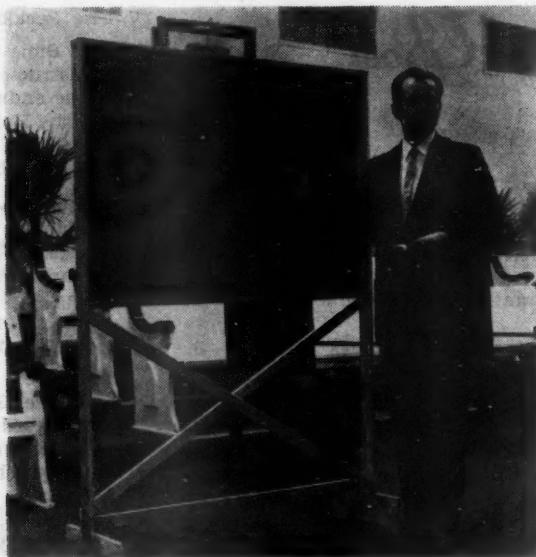
The quickening power of God is the presence of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is God's Agent to do His (God's) work. If you fail to recognize or accept the Holy Ghost power, He will not continue to work with you and bless you. This is one of the most essential steps in your seeking experience.

5. Yielding

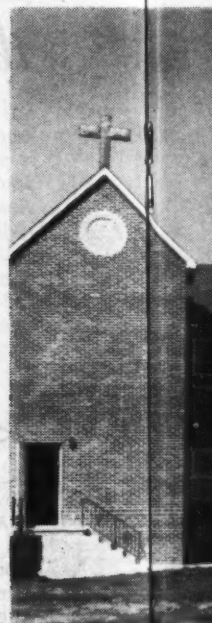
As you recognize and accept, or believe in His power and presence, then you must become willing to yield yourself entirely to Him to work in and through you as He fills and baptizes you. This yielding on your part must be a continuing process as you seek Him. Do not be afraid to yield because you do not know or understand the way in which He desires to bless you. It is not for the seeker to decide

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A SOUTHERN CITY



Pastor teaching the Word of God.



Choir as seen on WSB-TV.

By Ruth Holt
Atlanta, Georgia

CHURCH



IN THE YEAR 1917, a group of Pentecostal believers united with what is now known as the Hemphill Avenue Church of God, Atlanta, Georgia. Under the leadership of Charles Holt and T. J. Middlebrooks, this small Pentecostal group had been active for approximately ten years. In 1917, M. S. Lemons received this group into the fellowship of the Church of God. Knowledge of the endeavors of this church has spread across the nation and to many parts of the world. Those saved at her altar now proclaim the message of peace to the peoples of many lands.

The past glories of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God have been shared by several colorful pastors. They are M. S. Lemons, Charles Holt, T. J. Middlebrooks, A. Gann, T. S. Payne, T. L. McLain, W. T. Nelson, H. L. Whittington, A. M. Phillips, U. D. Tidwell, and our present pastor, Earl P. Paulk, Jr.

From small beginnings, this Atlanta church has now branched into many active congregations in the Atlanta area. In spite of the fact that many churches have been started from the efforts of the pastors and members of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God, her strength is now at its height and her future looks

bright. In the past six years, the floor space of the church and educational buildings has been doubled. The most recent addition is an educational wing, which includes new office facilities, new nursery, youth center and fellowship hall, and additional Sunday School rooms. Two additional houses have been purchased for future growth and they complete the ownership of the plot of land. The tithe and offerings have much more than doubled. Furthermore, there has been a net increase of 145 members.

Radio and Television

The "Voice of Pentecost" broadcast, which originates from the sanctuary of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God each Sunday morning at nine o'clock, is one of the most listened-to broadcasts in the Atlanta area. This broadcast serves the purposes of not only the Hemphill Avenue Church of God, but also other Pentecostal churches in the Atlanta area. Seldom can a person be found who has not heard this broadcast which has been active for about fifteen years. WGST, the station over which the broadcast is heard, is a very popular station in Atlanta. It is owned and operated by Georgia Tech.

On an average of nearly one Sunday a month, the

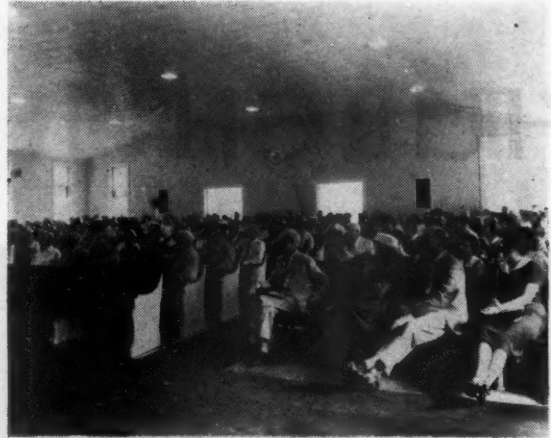
complete Sunday morning service of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God is televised over WSB-TV. This telecast has probably done more to break barriers and to influence people toward Pentecost than any other one thing in many years. Not only has it expanded the local church, but it has also helped in the other Atlanta churches and those in neighboring cities. After one telecast, long distance calls came from two towns over 100 miles away, asking if similar churches were to be found in their communities. Many now worship in the Hemphill Avenue Church of God who were influenced by the ministry of this telecast. Included in this number are such persons as Brother Ramirez, a faculty member at Georgia Tech. A pastor of one of the Atlanta Churches of God stated that more than a dozen families now attend his church because of the influence of the Hemphill telecast.

Activities of the Pastor

There has been a strong pulpit ministry of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God. Many leading Pentecostal preachers from various places in the world have ministered to the congregation. The pastor of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God is constantly engaged in preaching activities in other churches, both Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal. These appointments range from preaching to a civic club to speaking to a university student body.

The pastor's visiting ministry is enormous. Calls constantly come in from people other than the church members who know of the activities of the church. Counseling is almost a daily requirement of the pastor. People come from far and near to seek spiritual guidance.

The pastor of Hemphill Avenue Church of God is always active in the Atlanta religious life. Our present pastor is president of the Atlanta Pentecostal Fellowship, which includes all the Pentecostal churches in the greater Atlanta area. He serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Atlanta Christian Council. This group represents all the churches in



Average attendance on Sunday Morning

Atlanta. He is also chairman of the chaplaincy of the Army Induction Center in Atlanta, which serves the State of Georgia.

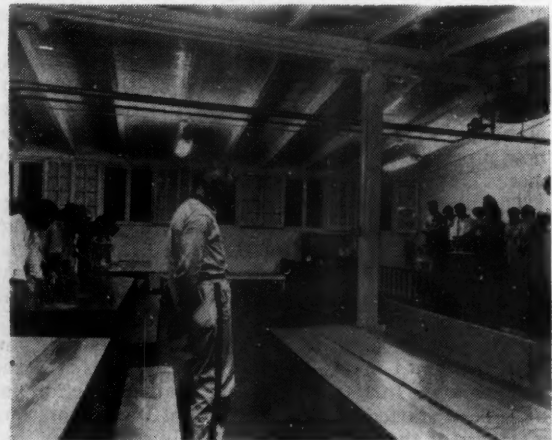
The number of funerals, marriages, and children's dedication services would mount into scores in the course of a short time. Once a year those who have had their marriage rites solemnized by the Hemphill Avenue Church of God renew their vows before the congregation. This is a time that the congregation looks forward to with a great deal of excitement.

Ministry Outside the Church

The ministry of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God does not end in the sanctuary. There are weekly services conducted in the Atlanta prisons. Dozens have been won to God through the ministry of this prison work. Though the pastor may attend these prison services at times, the work is primarily carried on by the young people of the church. Brother Hugh Bryant is in charge of these prison services and is ably as-



Local church "Pioneers for Christ" meeting in church Fellowship Hall



Weekly prison service conducted by young people



Pastor counsels young people

sisted by many other people in the Hemphill Avenue congregation. Once a month the Hemphill membership conducts a service at the Atlanta Union Mission, a place where transit men are housed. Brother Lee Watson and the Pioneers for Christ Men's Club conduct this service where many are won to Christ. Here again the pastor often preaches, but the work is carried on by the laymen.

For the past several years, on each fifth Sunday the Hemphill Avenue Church of God conducts a service at the Rhodes Home. This is a home for incurables. At that time, the church people try to take a little sunshine to those who need it so very badly.

Church Staff

The Hemphill Avenue Church of God stresses cooperation from all its members in order to carry on its extended work. Though there is a regular staff, many are included as active workers in the church



Open Bible Sunday School Class with Bob Blackwood, teacher



Panel discusses youth problems in Y.P.E. program

who may not be considered on the church staff. The church has a full-time secretary, Miss Ruth Holt. Her work varies from writing letters and keeping records to that of giving counsel and helping on the telephone.

The church has a music director, Robert (Bob) Blackwood. Brother Blackwood does an able job of coordinating the musical activities of the church. The church, in the past, has had several assistant pastors who have ably assisted in the work of the church. For the ensuing two years, Brother and Sister Wendell Smith will assist in the educational and youth work of the church. The Y.P.E., Sunday School, and the children's church activities are efficiently conducted by church members.

The church has a fine council of twelve men which are as follows: Tom Ashcraft, Robert Blackwood, Hugh Bryant, Arvel Burell, Styles Caldwell, Clyde Cole, Erskin Mink, Lacy Powell, Bill Prather, James Rickerson, Mark Waldrop, and Lee Watson.

The Hemphill Avenue Church of God also has a finance committee consisting of Tom Ashcraft, Arvel Burell, James Rickerson, and Lee Watson. These men meet with the pastor each week to count the money and sign checks. All checks are co-signed by the pastor and one member of the finance committee.

The Sunday School at the Hemphill Avenue Church of God is departmentalized into seven departments, in addition to an active nursery. Each department has its own superintendent, secretary, and staff of workers. Each department has its own assembly and its own closing service. The present superintendent is Lee Watson; the general secretary is James Rickerson. Appointments are made by the Board of Education after having received the preference vote from the adult classes and departments.

When new converts join the church, for several Sundays thereafter they meet with the pastor in his study to learn the teachings of the church.

A special feature of the youth program of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God is the youth center. It

provides a place for social and spiritual activities under the supervision of the church. The church has an active children's church which has been mainly fostered by Sue Duvall. In the past, there have been summer youth activities which have brought great dividends to the church.

Plans are being made for Sunday afternoon youth study groups which we feel will be a great assistance to the young people of our church. These studies will deal with the problems of the various youth groups. Also, plans are being made for additional youth choirs and singing groups.

Letters and Literature

Every family in the Hemphill Avenue Church of God receives the *Evangel* weekly. The church feels its responsibility to see that each home is provided with this Christian literature. *The Lighted Pathway* is made available free of cost to anyone who would like this youth publication. A weekly bulletin is prepared which has a sick spotlight section, a Bible reading section, and a pastor's corner. It announces winners for various Sunday School and youth activities, honors those with birthdays, and gives advertisement to special activities of the church.

Letters are sent from the church office to new converts, to those who are sick, and to visitors. This in itself grows in proportion as the months go by.

Future Plans

Plans for the growth of the Hemphill Avenue Church of God are now in the making. There will be an effort to provide better and more facilities for the Sunday School and the worship service. It is not uncommon for the Sunday morning worship service congregation to overflow the sanctuary. Unlike many places, there are scores of people who come for the morning worship service who have either attended Sunday School elsewhere or have not attended Sunday School at all.

Another future plan is to enlarge the mission program of the church. Though the Hemphill Avenue Church of God has sent missionaries to the foreign fields and annually contributes many hundreds of dollars to its cause, the church would like to do even more for missions.

Plans for youth study groups were outlined earlier in this article.

The Hemphill Avenue Church of God is planning to provide more comfort for the aged and shut-ins. This will be done through visitation and church programs that will aid them in their problems.

The pastor and the members of the church believe that the Hemphill Avenue Church of God can be the largest Pentecostal congregation in the entire world. Atlanta is a growing city strategically located in the heart of the South, and the horizons look bright for us. The desire to do this is not for selfish motives nor for any personal publicity, but to promote Pentecost and the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ in our world today.

HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

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or say in what manner he would receive the baptism of the Spirit. So, yield yourself and continue to yield as He works with you.

6. Faith

From the very first touch of the power of the Holy Ghost, you must believe that you are experiencing the work of the Holy Ghost in His baptismal power. Refuse to let any thought or distraction cause your faith to waver. Ever keep in mind that He will never fill you when you are doubting Him. There must be an unerring faith on your part. Believe and keep on believing. As you continue to yield to His working power, He will continue to work the process of His baptism in you.

7. Do Not Seek Tongues

Speaking in tongues is the initial, outward evidence that the Holy Ghost has filled and baptized His subject. You should not seek tongues as a blessing in itself but seek Him who manifests Himself in tongues when He has completed His work in you. When He has done this, He will testify to God of the completion of His work in you. When your baptism is complete, the Holy Ghost will speak through you as you allow Him to. The more completely you are yielded to Him, the more clearly He will speak through you. So be willing for Him to manifest Himself by speaking in His own way. Only through complete surrender to Him will He speak in such fluency that you will be completely satisfied in Him.

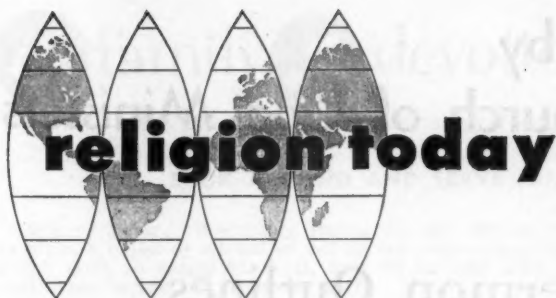
Seek Him with all your heart and let nothing hinder you from receiving Him in all His fullness.

THE SPECTRE OF TOBACCO

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by medical men that cigarettes kill, and urged by the manufacturers to keep using them. He is thankful because he knows that only the power of Christ can deliver the true tobacco addict, and he has already been thus delivered. He is thankful that he did not have to be scared into forsaking them or abstaining from them; the very nature of Christ within him declared it wrong long before. The child of God knows that no foul stretch of imagination could picture Christ our example with a wreath of noxious smoke about His head, or with His lips in contact with the deadly weed.

Yet men will go on smoking until they are redeemed by His power. But so will they go on taking dope, drinking liquor, and taking their own lives. They know intellectually the horrible harm of these things, and still they do them. Mere knowledge is not enough to make a man forsake his evil and unclean ways. Only the grace and power of Christ can do that. Medical science has done a great service in revealing the deadly nature of tobacco. The service, however, is not so much to those who are willfully deaf as it is to us whose Christian and moral convictions have been vindicated.



EPISCOPAL BISHOP OF CALIFORNIA DIES IN PULPIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The Rt. Rev. Karl Morgan Block, Episcopal Bishop of California, stood up in Grace Cathedral recently to deliver an ordination address to a group of young priests. A seizure struck him as he turned to his audience and said, "And now. . ." A moment later he was dead—two months short of retirement. He was 71.

Canon Richard Byfield and others present were not immediately aware that the Bishop was stricken. "The interruption was not unusual," said Byfield.

The Rt. Rev. James Albert Pike, successor of the Bishop, said he had turned to him and gasped, "Bishop, will you continue, sir?"

WIDOW SETTLES OLD ACCOUNT

MCCALLEN, Tex.—Mrs. Letta Dickson, 78, has given a \$50,000 farm in Kansas to the Baptist Foundation of Texas. "I have never given to the Lord like I should," said Mrs. Dickson, a widow. "And now I want to pay up."

An agreement provides that she will receive a substantial income for the rest of her life. When she dies, the foundation will establish an endowment fund by selling the valuable 320-acre farm. The land is located near Conway Springs, Kansas.

EISENHOWER SIGNS NEW NATURALIZATION LAW

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Eisenhower has signed a new naturalization law that will benefit missionaries. The bill provides that alien spouses and adopted children of American missionaries abroad may now become naturalized citizens of the United States without fulfilling the regular residence requirements, if they are otherwise qualified for citizenship.

CHURCH REBUILDS INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

MARION, Ind.—More than \$300,000 was in hand at the ground breaking ceremonies Sept. 11 for the rebuilding of the International headquarters of the Wesleyan Methodist Church which was completely destroyed by fire last January in Syracuse, N. Y. It appears that plans to occupy the new building in the spring of 1959 will be carried out. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$500,000. The new building will be located here.

IRAQ

Only about 5 per cent of the population of 5,000,000 is Christian, for Iraq is predominantly a Moslem country. Of the Christians, there are 2,000 Protestants,

3,000 Latin Rite Catholics, 207,000 Chaldean, Armenian and Syrian Rite Catholics and 90,000 Eastern Orthodox. Protestants have been active in Iraq for more than 50 years. The Protestant community in Baghdad, a completely self-supporting group, grew out of missionary efforts by British and American agencies, and the influx of a large number of Arabic Protestant refugees from Turkey during World War I. These refugees had been evangelized originally by American Congregational missionaries.

There are at present in Iraq about 45 Protestant missionaries, mainly American, British and Australian. American denominations represented include the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., Reformed Church in America, Assemblies of God, Lutherans, and Seventh Day Adventists.

—Christian Herald

INDIA CITES MISSIONARY DROP

The number of foreign Christian missionaries in India has been declining in the last two years. According to a statement presented to Parliament on September 15, there were 5,691 missionaries in India in 1956. The figure dropped to 5,521 in 1957 and 4,844 at the beginning of this year.

Missionaries from the United States constituted the largest number—1,821 at the start of 1958. Italians were next with 643.

The statement did not give any reason for the decline, but an official spokesman said one factor was that more and more Indian Christians were taking up duties previously performed by foreign missionaries.

It is the Indian Government's declared policy that foreign missionaries coming to India in the future should possess special qualifications for jobs for which Indians are not available. (New York Times)

WEST POINT CADETS RECEIVE BIBLES

WEST POINT, N. Y.—For the 89th year, the American Tract Society has given West Point Cadets specially-bound copies of the Holy Bible with their names inscribed in gold on the front covers.

This year 544 Cadets received Bibles at the start of their fall term. The West Point chaplain, Rev. George M. Dean, presided, and Mr. Henry G. Perry, the Society's executive secretary, made the presentation, assisted by Rev. Henry R. Gooch, assistant chaplain.

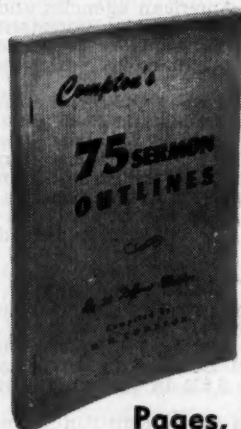
The Society's president, Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, preached a sermon on Hebrews 4, emphasizing the Bible as "the rule and standard for daily living, for justice between man and man, and nation and nation. But above all it is the inspired witness," he said, "always available, always at your side, always inviting you to the abundant life in Christ—not tomorrow, but today, here and now. May your Bible be for every one of you what God meant it to be, living and powerful through your own trust in Jesus Christ."

EISENHOWERS TAKE COMMUNION IN "WORLD PEACE" SERVICE

NEWPORT, R. I.—In a seaside chapel near their vacation home, President and Mrs. Eisenhower knelt at an altar and took Communion in a service devoted to world peace. With them in the green-raftered, interdenominational chapel by the sea were two of their three grandchildren, David, 10, and Barbara Anne, 9.

Without ceremony the President and First Lady took their turn with virtually the entire congregation in going forward and kneeling at the altar rail to receive the bread and wine. Usually the Eisenhowers, Presbyterians, take Communion in the pew where they are seated.

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LOOK AROUND AND SERVE HIM

Memory Verse: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

Monday, December 8

Scripture, Psalm 116:1-12

"What Shall I Render Unto the Lord?" Looking around, we can see evil, temptations and destruction to which we have been exposed. We can see others whose feet have slipped, and we may wonder why we have not also fallen. Having been kept from Satan's snares, we should acknowledge God's deliverance with gratitude and an earnest desire to repay Him for His exceeding grace. Because we are numbered with the redeemed, our question today should be: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"

Pray that we will renew our consecration and be purged of all self until we see only the holiness of God.

Tuesday, December 9

Scripture, Psalm 116:13-19

"I Will Take the Cup of Salvation." It would be difficult to find a fitting response for all of God's benefits, but there is one possible return we can make. A grateful heart will accept all of God's work of grace—the salvation He has freely offered to all. We can be yielded recipients of His pardon, His sanctifying power, and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Pray that each member of our household will accept God's plan of salvation.

Wednesday, December 10

Scripture, Psalm 8

"I Will Call Upon the Name of the Lord." Crying unto God is born out of desperate need. The child's cry rings out in the night for fear of the dark and unfamiliar sounds. Likewise, we as God's children plaintively call for a divine word of reassurance as the darkness of oppression and the uncertainty of an insecure world close in upon us. In our need we can always be sure

that God loves the trust that brings the cry for help.

Pray that whatever joy or sorrow may attend us, we shall never cease to glorify the name of Jesus our Lord.

Thursday, December 11

Scripture, Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

"I Will Pay My Vows Unto the Lord." The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. There is joy in making vows unto the Lord, for the making of sacred vows is true dedication. God never trifles; therefore, we should not neglect the keeping of our vows. We may forget our dedication in a few hours, but God never forgets. We dishonor God, we insult and grieve the Holy Ghost when we indulge in carelessness of unpaid vows, for "He hath no pleasure in fools." It should never be forgotten that our dealings with God are for eternity, and He reckons as His own that which we have invited Him to take.

Pray that our dedication to God will not be a sham, but that we will give unto God that which costs us something.

Friday, December 12

Scripture, Psalm 100

"I Will Offer to Thee the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving." Thanksgiving is a duty—it is also a privilege. It is the best sacrifice we can offer God. Let us not murmur for the things that have befallen us, but rather thank God for those which have not befallen us. Thanksgiving should not be postponed until all is perfect or prosperous. If we would count up our mercies and our everyday reasons for gratitude to God, we would not know where to end the list. A family should always live in an atmosphere of thanksgiving and continually "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

God, deliver us from the gross

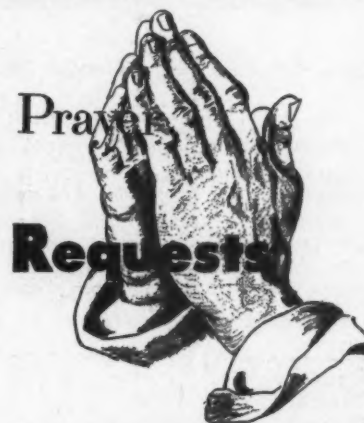
sin of ingratitude and may we become more thankful for all Thy gifts, however small or common.

Saturday, December 13

Scripture, Hebrews 10:19-25

"In the Courts of the Lord." The most appropriate place to offer praise and thanksgiving to God is in the courts of the Lord's house—in His holy sanctuary. In the house of God is where His mystical presence dwells; therefore, we should assemble together with Him there. Man's social nature needs fellowship with others. The young people need public worship that they may be fitted for life. It is necessary for all the family to fulfill this duty that the Lord's work may be carried on and that they may be taught communion with God.

Pray that the family can say always with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."



Pray for a special unspoken request.
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Chicago, Ill.

Pray for me to be touched and healed.
—Mrs. Marvin Brewer
Bonham, Texas

Pray that the Lord will heal me and that some way will be provided for me to go to church.
—A Sister in Christ

Pray that the Lord will heal me so that I will not lose my mind and my will to live.
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